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## Contrasts in Patriotism

Contrasts in patriotism shown by different citizens of our country in time of emergency are emphasized in a piece copied by Bill Weatherford, son of W. W. Weatherford of Heppner, from the bulletin board of the Destroyer O'Brien on which the Heppner youth serves.

Attitudes of some civilians who seem to take advantage of the freedoms and liberties they enjoy must be very perplexing indeed to those who are sacrificing so much in the war in Vietnam.

At this holiday season, when those living comfortably at home have so many things to enjoy and benefit from all manner of blessings, it is particularly fitting to pause and think of these contrasts.

The message from the bulletin board of the Destroyer O'Brien is self-explanatory:

### My God, How Can It Be?

That one boy lies rotting from malnutrition and torture in a jungle prison camp in North Vietnam—and another boy sits and tramples on the flag of this country on the steps of a university of learning.

That one boy lies sightless in a U. S. Naval Hospital from communist inflicted face wounds—and another boy uses a communist flag to drape himself in defiance of the laws of this country.

That one man of medicine begins his thirtieth straight hour of standing over an operating table in pursuit of the life of men serving this country—and another man of medicine implores crowds of young men to refuse to serve their country.

That one negro holds the face of his dead white comrade in his arms and cries pitifully in a dirty mud hole in Vietnam—and another negro screams with hate against his white brother on the streets of countless American cities.

That one boy lies in a coffin beneath the ground because he believed in duty to country—and another boy lies on a dingy cot giving blood to the enemies of his country.

That one man of God shields a wounded boy from an enemy bayonet with his body and dies—and another man of God uses his cloth as a shield to preach hate, dissension and lawlessness.

My God, how can it be?

—Joseph R. Holmes

## A Bargain for Skiers

While the sudden turn in springlike weather belies it, ski season is scheduled to start on Arbuckle Mountain on Saturday, January 6, through the cooperation of interested persons and organizations.

Since its beginning under the Arbuckle Mountain Ski club seven or eight years ago, the ski course here has been seeking its place in the snow. Financially, it has been a nip-and-tuck job to keep it operating. There are many expenses incurred in such a public facility which many may not realize.

Just one item—liability insurance—costs more than \$300 per season, for instance. The use permit from the U. S. Forest Service takes another \$100. Costs of operation, required improvements and safety measures, and other items bring the season's budget to a sizeable figure.

Several years ago, when the ski club decided to give up the project, a number of business people here formed the Arbuckle Mountain Corporation and bought stock that has returned them nothing to date and probably will not for the foreseeable future. Most of them realized that this was an investment in the area and an attempt to develop a recreational facility that would make this a more attractive place for those interested in the sport.

Because of the limited resources, the relatively light population here, and the high costs of operation, it has been a difficult job to keep the ski course going.

A devoted few have given countless hours of volunteer time because of their faith in Arbuckle and with the thought that its use will grow to the point where it will be a fine facility for many to enjoy.

This has resulted in considerable progress on a modest scale. Each year has seen new improvements—additional clearing, longer ski runs, better equipment, better organized ski patrol, and others.

Organization of 4-H ski clubs at the urging of Bob Henry, who was the guiding light of Arbuckle during the time he lived here, has been an important step. These active groups are now strongly behind Arbuckle.

When the Morrow county Jaycees stepped in and members gave of their time and effort to assist in the operation, it was another step forward. The compensation they receive is only a token amount for the many hours they devote to it.

While the course is under the control of the Arbuckle Mountain Corporation and is administered by its directors, it is really a community project with interested people assisting.

This combined effort has brought recognition. The State of Oregon lists Arbuckle with its other ski areas in its new ski brochure from the Highway Department Travel Information Division. The highway department also pays the county for keeping the road clear to the ski run.

Those who believe that recreation is a big factor in the future development of the southern part of Morrow county continue their faith in Arbuckle. They look forward to the time when fish impoundments are developed in the same vicinity, new roads are opened, and other recreational developments come about that will make the area a year-around playground for the public.

Good skiers have said many times that Arbuckle Mountain offers a fine slope to pursue the sport. It needs only development to bring it up to par with others in the state and then needs only a greater number of skiers to enjoy it. When this time comes, the county will really start to benefit economically.

Meanwhile, with the 1968 season about to start, Arbuckle offers a bargain to all ski enthusiasts. A family season ticket is only \$60 for a minimum of nine weekends (18 days) of skiing. Other ski resorts, with admittedly some better facilities, charge \$150 or more. A single skier may buy a season ticket for \$25. A single day of skiing costs only \$2. In this day and age, that's pretty reasonable for a full day's recreation.

Since each season so far has found Arbuckle coming out

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

BY NOW, we trust, most of the gift exchanges have been made and duds everywhere have made at least temporary repairs on Christmas toys that the youngsters have already succeeded in breaking or wearing out. So we can say that Christmas is over and await the coming of the New Year.

Our "fixit" problem was limited to just one item this year, which means for sure that the family is growing up.

It makes us feel a little nostalgic, though. While on a trip to the valley, we ate in a restaurant across from a young man who was enjoying Christmas breakfast with his three young children. But the daddy wasn't enjoying the meal. He was trying to restore the parts of a new wristwatch of the Mickey Mouse variety. His Boy Scout pocket knife didn't seem to be as delicate a jeweler's tool as we often see Randall Peterson use.

The kids were watching with faith and confidence mirrored in their eyes and the young dad was trying to measure up, but it didn't look too encouraging.

SOMEONE aptly said when the "Chinook" came and melted the snow last week, "Instead of being a White Christmas, it's going to be an Oregon Christmas after all." That it was, with more ordinary splatters of road, darkened winter skies and a little mud here and there.

But we've had a few spring days since.

NOW, we appeal to you, dear readers. When a fellow gets to be a grandfather, he's entitled to a little indulgence, isn't he? We pose this question because, for the first time this year, we have used a live model in announcing the First Baby Contest for 1968 (See page 5).

The model is Rebecca Lynn Sherman, daughter of son Dick and daughter-in-law Rose Marie.

One of the pictures we took but the other is a studio job. We couldn't resist using that one where she is posed leaning on her elbows. Doting grandpa thought that was pretty good for a six months' old. Becky was born in Salem last June.

We tried to find a picture of Ann Rinehart, the 1967 Baby of the Year, to run, but we couldn't locate one. Somehow the one we used in January was misplaced.

IT WON'T BE long before we all will be dating checks and other things "January 1, 1967," forgetting to change to 1968, but we can all take consolation that even our official state agencies do it.

We just received the official announcement from the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles that a drivers license examiner will be in Heppner on Tuesday, January 2, 1967.

Either that notice took an awful long time to get here, or the Department made the quite natural faux pas.

ONE OF the first persons we met in Heppner when we came here in June, 1961, was Margaret Buschke. She was interested in getting a picture in the paper of the Heppner High school class reunion at the time of the Memorial picnic that year.

Since then, we had numerous occasions of association while the Buschkes had the hardware store. We came to respect them as fine people. Later we realized that Margaret, with her serious health problem, was a particularly courageous person.

When the Buschkes decided to sell out the stock of the hardware store, they asked us to their home to discuss the details with us. Margaret and Claude both were concerned about how the move would affect other people.

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Those who are interested in supporting the facility and who want to see it continued, and developed can help by buying season tickets now. Tickets may be purchased from L. E. Dick or Herman Winter.

Your purchase will not only buy a winter's season of enjoyment, but will also help to continue and develop Arbuckle.

In the death of Margaret Buschke, Heppner loses a very nice, considerate and courageous citizen. We extend sympathy to her very devoted husband and to other members of her family.

WE NOTICE in the East Oregonian that Ben Maxwell, feature writer, historian and photographer, has died at age 69. Ben lived just out of West Salem and did a great deal of work for the Capital Journal, Salem, and the Oregon Journal, Portland.

He was quite a historian and has a great collection of historical information. Among other things he was an authority on the covered bridges in Oregon.

We had known Ben for some 25 years and worked with him on many occasions.

Ben dropped by here a couple years ago and was digging into Heppner history while passing through on some other writing venture. Of course, he knew all about the Heppner flood.

We're very sorry that he is gone. We enjoyed both him and his work very much, and he was an excellent source of historical information.

SOMETIMES WE think the television directors who schedule the commercials must have ironic senses of humor.

On the Wednesday night news, the telecaster gave out a story on how many persons arrested for drunken driving were repeaters. Of 1315 arrests, in a certain period, he said, more than 300 had had previous convictions and at least one had been arrested on the charge 15 times.

The telecaster gave a warning on the problem of drinking and driving on New Year's weekend. Then Governor Tom McCall's warning on the same subject came on, with the governor making an earnest appeal.

Immediately after came the commercial. What was it? A beer commercial, of course, getting in some good licks for the New Year's week-end. That was real good timing.

Perhaps you have seen and noted the public service commercial from the American Cancer Society on danger signals. Point of the commercial is the warning on smoking and it ends with showing the caution printed on each pack of cigarettes.

Time after time in the pre-Christmas season, this was followed immediately in a 2-minute spot with a message from the postmaster-general, cigarette in hand and puffing vigorously while a cloud of smoke swirled around his head, imploring people to mail their packages early.

Indeed, someone must have a diabolical sense of humor!

## Pioneer



## Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

### A Self Defense

One of my editors recently belittled an article because it was trite. My only hope is to take by defense of triteness to the reading public for their opinion. The best thing to do with a good idea is to repeat it. Then the guidance of triteness, our daily lives would be chaotic.

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## Virgil Boyd Named Chief in Pendleton

Virgil Boyd, a member of the Pendleton fire department for 21 years, will become chief of the department as of January 1. Rudy Enbysky, Pendleton city manager, announced Tuesday, Boyd is son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. James Daly of Pendleton. He is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Jim Healy of Heppner and of Charley Daly of Butter Creek. Mrs. Boyd is the former Patricia Daly.

The appointment is to fill the vacancy created with the resignation of William (Blackie) Batchelor in October. Boyd has been serving as acting chief since that time.

Boyd joined the fire department in 1946 as a driver. He was appointed a fire engineer in 1957, was promoted to captain in 1961, and to assistant chief in 1965.

## Mike Sweeney Has Operation on Nose

Mike Sweeney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sweeney, got home for Christmas after undergoing an operation to his nose on Wednesday, December 20, in Portland Sanitarium. His parents picked him up in Portland Sunday and brought him home.

The operation, which lasted for four hours, was to correct a condition caused in a fall in childhood. He broke his nose in the accident and growth of the nose was stunted. This impaired his breathing.

Mike is a freshman student in pre-law at the University of Oregon, and he underwent the operation at the end of the fall term. Although still swathed in bandages, he is recovering very satisfactorily, and it is expected that his problem will be permanently cured.

Metsker maps of Morrow, Gilliam, Umatilla, Wheeler counties on sale at the Gazette-Times.

## Service Friday For Mrs. White At Lone Church

Edythe Florence White, age 81, who had made her home in the lone community for the past 22 years, died on Christmas Day, December 25, at Pioneer Memorial hospital. She had been in failing health for some time, and in considerable discomfort since falling and breaking her hip in September.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 29, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lone United Church of Christ, with the Rev. Al Borsche, pastor of the Heppner Christian church, officiating. Concluding services will be at the Tahoma cemetery at Yakima, Wn., at 3:00 p.m. the same day, with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of the arrangements.

Edythe Florence Anderson was born March 12, 1886, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Anderson, at Tappico, Wash. She was married to Thomas Nelson White on February 22, 1905. They came to the lone community from Walla Walla, Wash., and he was employed here until the time of his death in 1955.

They were parents of three sons, all of whom survive. These include Wayne White of Santa Monica, Calif.; Dale White and Gordon White, both of lone.

Also surviving are one brother, Fred Anderson of Prosser, Wash.; one sister, Imogene Mooney of Heppner; four grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Heart Fund.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wishart and family on Christmas Day were Mrs. Wishart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Flesher of Hood River.

## Couple to be Honored At Reception Sunday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Martin in lone, will be the scene of a reception which will honor Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Evelyn Jepsen) Elder of Eugene on Sunday afternoon, December 31, between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.

The young couple was married November 18 in Eugene. The new Mrs. Elder is librarian at Northwest Christian College and he is employed in the molecular laboratory at the University of Oregon.

An invitation has been extended by the Martins for all friends, relatives and former classmates to greet the couple at their home. The class of 1961 of Lone High school is planning a potluck supper and reunion immediately following the reception.

## Jaycee-ettes Meet At Jensen Home

Jaycee-ettes held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lyle Jensen Wednesday evening, December 14, at 8 p.m.

A short business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Jerry Holloman, during which members decided to postpone election of new officers until their next meeting, which will be held January 18.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Jensen to Mrs. Tom Wilson, Mrs. Richard Vinson, Mrs. Jerry Samples, Mrs. John Privett, Mrs. Bill Struthers, Mrs. Ron Gray, Mrs. Pat Wonsler, Mrs. Dan Anderson, Mrs. Forrest Burkenbine and Mrs. Holloman.

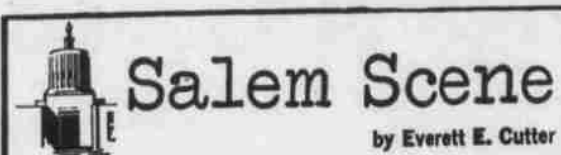
Miss Melby Joins College Sorority

Katherine Melby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold E. Melby, has pledged Theta Nu Alpha sorority of Pacific University, according to an announcement from the University's office of public information.

Miss Melby is a freshman, majoring in the field of Music Education.

A total of 60 girls pledged one of the University's five local sororities.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holloman and family attended a family reunion over the Christmas holidays at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller and family of Gresham. On their return home, they visited in The Dalles with Mrs. Holloman's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith and family.



## Salem Scene

by Everett E. Cutter

### Our Primary Significance In National Politics

That clip-clip-clipping noise you hear coming from the elections division of the secretary of state's office is important to the nation.

That is because mentions of possible or probable candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency are being clipped, evaluated and catalogued regularly from a score of newspapers and news magazines of regional interest around the country. And candidates "generally advocated or recognized in national news media" will be put in Oregon's widely-noticed Presidential Preferential Primary election next May 28.

Provisions for such a method of placing candidates' names on our primary ballots were passed by the 1959 session of the legislature. The law, first of its kind in the country, is intended to get national candidates to campaign here and to establish Oregon as an "important" state in the political spotlight.

The only way a White House hopeful or hope-not can get his name off Oregon's primary ballot is to file with our secretary of state an affidavit "stating without qualification that he is not now and does not intend to become a candidate for said offices at the forthcoming Presidential election." The same disclaimer procedure applies if a person is placed on the ballot by petition.

Oregon always has been looked to for its primary outcome to some degree, because it is virtually the only state where potential candidates have been "smoked" out and put on the ballot, in the words of Secretary of State Clay Myers. Since 1948, Oregon primary results have correctly anticipated results of five of the seven national nominations in which there have been contests.

Since adoption of the system to allow the secretary of state discretion of determining national candidacy through press evaluation, our vote has grown greatly in significance—even though our election results agreed with final party choices in only one of the two contested nominations since 1959. Both Nebraska and Wisconsin have generally copied our new law, and it is considered to work well and to have accomplished its goals.

The most significant aspects of Oregon's system, says Myers, include "the opportunity for Oregonians to see and question face-to-face leading Presidential prospects in both parties. In addition, our Presidential Preferential Primary has become a 'major' minor industry every fourth year, with news media bringing in millions of dollars to Oregon, as well as turning national attention toward us."

Announcement of Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates who will appear on Oregon's primary ballots will be made by mid-March. These will include only Republicans and Democrats; the state's definition of "major political party" does not allow consideration of present independent or third party candidates.

Virtually certain to appear on the Democratic ticket are President Lyndon B. Johnson and Sen. Eugene McCarthy, Administration dissenter from Minnesota. Another possibility is New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, although he may file the necessary disqualifying affidavit. Republicans likely will in-

clude former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Michigan Gov. George Romney, California Gov. Ronald Reagan and Illinois Sen. Charles Percy. New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller could be a possibility, but in a December 11 personal letter to Oregon's secretary of state he wrote "...I am not and will not be a candidate for the Republican nomination in 1968."

We may see for the first time a listing of Vice Presidential candidates on our primary ballots, according to Jack Thompson, elections division director. This possibility may well focus further national attention on Oregon, he believes.

"We are the only state with Vice Presidential candidates on the ballot," he says, "and I have never seen so much pairing and talk of the number two position in the press at this year."

So news columns, features and editorials mentioning veep possibilities are being considered too. And until March, in between answering many, many national inquiries, the secretary of state and elections division staff will continue their important clip-clip-clipping.



## Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL Sherman Tournament at Sherman Dec. 28-29  
Enterprise at Enterprise Friday, Jan. 5  
Ione at Heppner, Tues., Jan. 9

ELKS FEED & DANCE Saturday, Dec. 30  
Crab Feed, 6:30 p.m.  
New Year Dance, from 9:00 p.m.  
Live Music Heppner Elks Temple

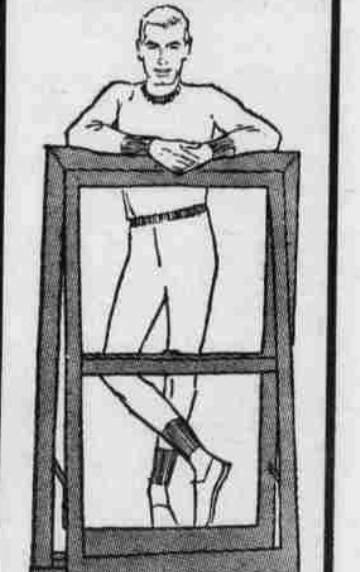
NEW YEAR CARD PARTY Willows Grange Hall, Ione Sat., Dec. 30, 8 p.m.  
Everyone welcome  
No admission

NEW YEAR DANCE Saturday, Dec. 30  
Music by The Henchmen Fair Pavilion, 9:30 to 1:00  
College and high school youth invited

LEGION DANCE Heppner Legion Hall Sat., Dec. 30, 10 p.m.  
Quackenbush Orchestra Public invited

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